

Howard County's Local Children's Board
Meeting Minutes
9/19/17

Attendees

	Maura Rossman, HD	√	Bitia Dayhoff, CAC		Charmayne Anderson, Community (excused)
√	Kelly Cimino, DHCD	√	Dawn Duignan, Community		Louis Valenti, MSDE (excused)
√	Karen Butler, DSS		Michael Martirano, HCPSS (excused)		Gary Gardner, HCPD (excused)
	Dario Broccolino/Kim Oldham	√	Tim Madden, DJS	√	Edisa Padder, Community
√	John Byrd, DRP	√	Jackie Scott, DCRS		Michael Martirano, HCPSS (excused)
√	Rachel Choo Quan, HCMHA	√	Erica Byrne, Voices for Children		

Staff: Kim Eisenreich, Kori Jones, Marsha Dawson, Randi Norris

Public Attendees: Kenyatta Cully, HCMHA; Restia Whitaker, HCPSS; James LeMon, HCPSS; Brianna Brubaker, DSS; Jim Marshall, HCPD; Shawn Griffith and Maura Keany, Collaborative Communications Group; Kate Gallagher and Steve Herr, Advance Metrics

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 am.

Welcome and introductions were made.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Consent Agenda

- July 18, 2017 minutes – Motion made by Tim, Seconded by Dawn; All approved.
- County Code changes – Motion made by Kelly, Seconded by Bitia; All approved.
 - Code changes have been pre-filed with County Council for October or November.
- Recommendation for new board member appointments – Fran Trout, Office of Workforce Development; Melissa Rosenberg, Autism Society; and Hector Garcia, FIRN – Motion made by Erica, Seconded by Karen; All approved.
 - PATH – commitment pending
 - Suggestion made to submit new board member recommendations for approval to same pre-file date of October or November if possible.

Discussion Items

Weekend Warrior Snack Packs and Roving Radish program report – Karen Butler

The committee is working on creating a resource and asset map to expand summer food access for the 2 targeted areas of need; zip codes of 21044 and 21045. The information will be used for planning Food Access Programs for summer 2018.

The group was also updated on the number of Weekend Warrior Snack Packs; almost 750 were distributed over the summer. Contents of the snack packs could be described as meal kits based on the volume of food.

- Discussion held regarding using Bain Center as a potential distribution site for future Weekend Warrior Snack Packs.

Communications Planning and Strategy Presentation – Collaborative Communications Group

Collaborative will work with the LCB to develop a Communications Plan and messaging that describes the role of the LCB in improving outcomes for children and youth. Based on the feedback from the executive committee, the Plan will drive work in 2018 developing appropriate materials.

Collaborative provided a timeline for the project that includes volunteer input on message mapping; this meeting will be held in October and will craft the key messages that will explain the core statements.

- Bita volunteered to participate in the message mapping exercise

The group hopes to present the completed Plan to the executive committee in December and the final version to the full board in January. Message development and Communication Plan will lead into support for the NOFA 2019.

- Collaborative will send some examples of other Communication Plans they've completed to give board members a visual.

Building a Data Dashboard – Advance Metrics

Advanced Metrics is working with the LCB on a 2-prong project; the long-term project will develop a public facing dashboard. The dashboard is intended to encompass county-wide data, specifically data from agencies represented at the LCB across multiple sources and demonstrate metrics that indicate quality of life for residents. Data held by each agency represented at the table will come together and rest under one roof. The timeline for this long-term project is potentially a few years away.

Exploratory analysis for the short-term project has begun by vetting the scorecard system currently in place and requirements gathering from various Board members regarding their data, how it's being collected and in what format. This process will determine how to utilize shared data using scorecard as an information sharing platform that will add value and help inform. Next step is to continue meeting with LCB staff and board members to collectively gather information and do a deep dive of what data exist. The information will be presented back to the group in the form of an update.

Learning Agenda

Family Preservation Presentation – Brianna Brubaker, DSS

The goal of the program is to promote the safety and wellbeing of children while maintaining them in their home and prevent out of home placements. All services are voluntary and connect families to community resources and services to empower families to become self-sufficient. The program lasts roughly 6 months and is very hands on.

The loss of Interagency Family Preservation Services (IFPS) that included 4 State reimbursed County staff has resulted in a 40% reduction in staff, increased caseloads, reduction in services with increased referrals to community partners.

Referrals are made by various agencies such as school system, Howard General Hospital, DJS, the Local Care Team, and self-referrals by families.

The mental health committee will explore opportunities of collaboration and gaps associated with the loss of Interagency Family Preservation Services.

Karen offered to have a CPS presentation to the Board since there were questions regarding gaps in follow-up between providers and family confidentiality.

Announcements

GOC Training Schedule disseminated – please let Marsha know if you're interested in attending.

John – working on the RFP for the Equity Report.

Board member binders were disseminated.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:03 am.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at the George Howard Building in the Columbia/Ellicott City Room